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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a (3) Three-month extension of time to and through August 26, 2003, or responding to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003 (Paper No. 12). A Response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

A check in the amount of \$.00 is enclosed herewith.

[X]The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Billing No. 053844-5006-00) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Extension fee in the amount of \$465.00. [X]

[X] Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee.

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